Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 23, 2006

Her Excellency Michelle Bachelet
President of Chile
Palacio De La Moneda
Santiago 67722

Dear Madame President:

As Members of the United States Congress, we would like to congratulate you on your recent inauguration. This represents an opportunity to further the relationship between our two countries, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

We are writing to urge a renewed focus by the Chilean government on the case of Boris Weisfeiler, the United States citizen who disappeared in Chile in the Colonia Dignidad area in 1985. Evidence suggests that he may have been arrested by the Pinochet security forces and taken to the torture center at Colonia Dignidad.

The investigation of Mr. Weisfeiler’s disappearance was reopened in the Chilean courts in January 2000. However, in the years since, there have been few additional developments in the case, despite investigations by four judges and the relatively recent arrest of Paul Schaefer, the former leader of Colonia Dignidad.

We understand that the case was brought to your attention by Professor Weisfeiler’s relatives in 2002 when you were Minister of Defense, and that Secretary of State Rice on her recent trip to Chile for your inauguration urged you to investigate the fate of Professor Weisfeiler. We join in respectfully requesting you to continue the investigation of Professor Weisfeiler’s disappearance, so that a resolution of this tragic case can finally be achieved.

With respect and appreciation, we thank you for your assistance in resolving this case.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

Rick Santorum
United States Senator

Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senator

John F. Kerry
United States Senator
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